

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
vs.)	Case No.: 1:17-CR-00047
)	
DARRICK MATTHEW SELLERS)	
)	
Defendant.)	

DEFENDANT’S SUPPLEMENT TO THE SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

On April 19, 2017, Darrick M. Sellers (hereinafter referenced to as “Sellers”) pled guilty to one (1) count of Receipt of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(2) and (b). Sellers accepted responsibility for his actions and agreed to pay restitution in full. When considering Sellers’ background, his accountability for his wrongdoings, and his commitment to treatment and recovery, a sentence no greater than the mandatory minimum of five (5) years is sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to comply with the purposes enunciated by Congress in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2).

Violet was one of the identified victims in the At School Series. Through her counsel, Carol L. Hepburn, Violet sought restitution in the amount of \$10,000.00 as allowed by the Mandatory Restitution for Sex Crimes section of the Violence Against Women’s Act of 1994 (18 U.S.C. § 2259) and (18 U.S.C. § 3664) for the harms and losses she incurred as a victim of child pornography. Without hesitation, Sellers agreed to pay Violet the full amount of \$10,000.00 in restitution.

By enlisting the help of professionals like Dr. Ronald Weiner (hereinafter referred to as “Weiner”), a specialist in the treatment of sex offenders, Sellers spent two years

addressing issues that led him to watch child pornography. In therapy, he learned to understand that a child, like Violet, is a victim and not a sexual object. Over the past two years, the therapy sessions with Weiner helped Sellers developed genuine feelings of empathy for the victims who were forced to participate in the pornographic videos. In therapy, Sellers recognized that by watching these pornographic videos and images, he contributed to the exploitation of children like Violet. This is the exact reason Sellers agreed to pay restitution. It is one small way in which he can help restore the victim's loss and injury

By going to therapy, Sellers confronted some deep inner struggles that he could not have identified on his own. He recognized he had some serious problems that necessitated treatment. He also began to understand that those problems affected the lives of children like Violet. Sellers wants to do everything he can to help victims like Violet. This help includes paying restitution to Violet. Sellers understands that restitution will not make Violet whole, but it is a step in the right direction.

In determining his sentence, Sellers asks the court to consider the restitution payment as well as the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C § 3553.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and all the reasons stated in the Sentencing Memorandum, the Defendant, DARRICK MATTHEW SELLERS, respectfully asks the court to impose a sentence of five (5) years.

Respectfully submitted,

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